

## THE AMERICAN NAVY.

### MR. HERBERT APPEALS FOR MORE WARSHIPS.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Hon. H. A. Herbert, secretary of the navy, has made his annual report to President Cleveland, in which he strongly urges the increase of the navy.

"We are not in want of ordinary unarmored cruisers or of gunboats," he says, "but we are lamentably deficient in torpedo boats, and we certainly need more battle ships. An inspection of the building programmes of other nations will demonstrate that the lessons taught at Yalu and Wei Hai Wei have tended to confirm the belief of naval experts throughout the world in the efficacy of these two classes of vessels." The secretary recommends the construction of two battle ships and at least twelve torpedo boats, and shows that they can be built now at a reduction of from 20 to 25 per cent from former prices.

Toward this increase in the navy, Mr. Herbert estimates that \$9,638,323 are necessary, and inclusive of that amount his estimates for the complete expenses of the naval establishment for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1897, aggregate \$29,311,166. Out of the appropriation for the current fiscal year, amounting to \$14,312,891, there remains \$942,286.

Three vessels built by contract, the Olympia, Minneapolis and Katahdin, have been completed since last year's report, and also three built at the navy yards, the Maine, Texas and Amphitrite.

The United States has three battleships in service and five building; sixteen coast defense vessels in service and four building; one armored cruiser in service and one building; thirty-three unarmored cruisers in service and one building; eight gun vessels in service and nine building.

The report shows that the entire expense of the navy department for the year ended June 30, 1895, was \$12,148,376, of which more than half was for the pay of the navy. The appropriation for the current year is \$29,311,025, and the estimate for next year \$29,311,166.

### HILL QUILTS LECTURING.

All His Engagements Canceled "on Account of Hoarseness."

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 2.—Senator David B. Hill's lecture tour of the Northwest has proved a failure, and came to an abrupt end yesterday, when the Senator closed his business arrangements with his manager, canceled all future engagements, and returned to New York. The reason assigned for this action is that he contracted a severe cold while in Duluth, making him so hoarse that further public speaking at present is out of the question.

The fact is, however, that the audiences which gathered to listen to him at Milwaukee, Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth were so meager that the financial returns were not sufficient to pay expenses, and Senator Hill refused to talk for nothing.

### Protest Against Elopements.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 2.—The citizens of Waverly are in a state of indignation over the recent elopement of Dr. G. A. McCandless and Druggist E. R. Vining with two young ladies of Waverly, Misses Alice Miller and Nannie Ward. Last evening the citizens hired a hall for the purpose of expressing their disapproval of the conduct of the two men. Two committees, one of women and another of men, were appointed and drafted resolutions expressing their indignation.

### Colonel Pabst Gave Up \$100,000.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 2.—Margaret Mather, the actress wife of Colonel Gustave Pabst, son of the brewer, has left the city, and it is reported that she has settled the proposed divorce suit with her husband and has taken \$100,000 of the big beer maker's money with her. Miss Mather, it will be remembered, horse-whipped her husband on a public street in broad daylight a few weeks ago.

### Never Touched Him.

CLINTON, Mo., Dec. 2.—In Lewis, Henry county, Jim Potts and Wash Nash, both colored, were fooling with a revolver, when the weapon was discharged while in Potts' hand. The ball struck Nash in the forehead, squarely between the eyes, and was picked out flattened from under the skin. Nash was not even stunned.

### A Small Boy Kills His Brother.

ATOKA, I. T., Dec. 2.—Last night at the home of Robert Smith, near town, his two boys, about 8 and 10 years of age, were alone in a room when the elder boy took his father's Winchester rifle and shot his brother through the heart, killing him instantly.

### Holmes Sentenced to Death.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 2.—Judge Arnold to-day refused to grant a new trial to E. H. Holmes, who was convicted of the murder of Benjamin Pitzel, in this city, September 3, 1894, and sentenced him to death.

### Fourteen Miners Crushed to Death.

CARROLL, N. Y., Dec. 1.—An accident resulting in the loss of thirteen or fourteen lives occurred at the Tilley-Peater mines a little after 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

### Railroad Mortality Statistics.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 2.—The returns to the department of internal affairs of the steam railroads operating in Pennsylvania show that 1,538 persons were killed and 10,605 injured by them during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1895.

### Shot to Death by a Pease.

CYNTHIANA, Ky., Dec. 2.—Murderer Orville Eals, while resisting arrest by a posse, was shot to death, after he had butchered his wife, killed an officer and badly wounded two other men.

## LATE NEWS NOTES.

Fraud orders have been issued against the Mexican lottery of San Luis Potosi.

A board from the Ordnance bureau report that the capacity of government gun works can be easily doubled.

Robert Newsome was accidentally killed near Fulton, Mo.

The camphor market is said to be cornered by a London syndicate.

The November report of the Texas Land office shows 108,000 acres of school lands disposed of.

Joseph R. Wright, ex-County Clerk of Fort Smith, Ark., has mysteriously disappeared and foul play is feared.

Miss Carroll of Independence, Mo., was elected president of the law department at the State university, being the only girl in it.

Lieutenant Feijo, who surrendered Fort Pelayo to the Cubans, was tried by court-martial and sentenced to life imprisonment.

Seventeen indictments were returned against men who were once officers of the now defunct First State bank, at Perry, Oklahoma.

The storm that swept over Europe caused the death of 500 persons near Odessa, Russia.

Prince Charles of Denmark and Princess Maude of Wales will be married in London in June, 1896.

Baron Andreanaky and Herr Von Perozel, Hungarian minister of the interior, fought with swords. The former was seriously wounded.

The Western Supply company, produce commission dealers, of Lawrence, Kans., has failed with considerable liabilities. Cause, poor markets.

Charles Reidell, a farmer, of Sherman county, Neb., was arrested for making illicit whisky from sugar beets. The still was seized.

Two negroes, Hickson and Lee, have been arrested near Arthur City, I. T., with property of three men and a boy found murdered in a house-boat in their possession.

E. D. Ware, Walter Vanoon and Charles Simon were arrested at St. Joseph, Mo., as they were about to go to rob the postoffice at Anna, Mo. The two former were betrayed by Simon.

A Southern firm, the Newport News Ship Building Company, underbid all competitors on the plans for the two new battleships to be constructed.

Count von Taaffe, the Austrian statesman, is dead.

The police of Berlin have summarily closed eleven Socialist clubs.

The Texas Siftings is to be removed from New York City to Dallas, Texas.

The East Birmingham, (Ala.) Smelting works were burned. They will be rebuilt.

The American School of Science at Marsh was burned by Turks on November 19.

Yellowstone Park keepers are having a hard time keeping poachers from killing buffalo.

New York mining stock brokers are trying to stir up a speculative fever over Cripple Creek properties.

The Postoffice department is preparing to give a Sunday mail service to communities which now have none.

Senator Sherman will introduce in Congress a bill compelling sleeping car companies to reduce their charges.

Senor Machado has been appointed Portuguese Minister to the United States, vice Baron Thodim, deceased.

Emma Carroll, living near Clarksville, Tenn., cut her throat because her lover was opposed by her mother.

S. C. Martin, the ossified man who had lain on his back for seven years unable to move a joint, died at Bryan, Texas.

Experiments at Purdue, Ind., university established that cattle are not only subject to tuberculosis, but catch it easily.

The United States gunboat Concord went ashore on the north coast of China. It is feared that she is seriously injured.

Governor Stone of Missouri was snubbed by Congressman Tarney at Kansas City, who declined to shake hands with him.

American tobacco got a black eye on a report that money had been guaranteed to prosecute the trust in New York—38,000,000 shares were sold.

L. S. Kain of Ward county, Texas, and Mrs. Wilgus of Connecticut, were married at Fort Worth upon their first meeting. Their courtship was by letter.

Captain Bailey, of the revenue cutter Bear, has been placed upon waiting orders pending the investigation of charges that have been made against him.

T. E. McFarlin's grain elevator at Sabotha, Kan., was burned. Just before a man was seen running from the elevator. The loss is \$3,000; insurance \$1,500.

While squirrel hunting William Swidler, a farmer, living near Fayette, Mo., was killed by the bursting of his own gun.

The appointment of J. W. Coman to be receiver of the land office at Alva, Oklahoma, has just been revoked. He was appointed under the impression that he was his brother, J. J. Coman.

P. L. Armour, the Chicago packer, has let the contract for the erection of three 175-foot corn cribs in Albia, Iowa. He announces to the farmers that he wants to buy 400,000 bushels of corn. The farmers have refused to sell on account of the low prices.

Chevalier Chappell found on the homestead near Delhi, Ill., \$7,758 in an old tin can that had been secreted in the house by his father, the late William Chappell, deceased, prior to his death. The money was turned over to the executor of the will and will be applied to the payment of bequests.

S. H. Rickards and Benjamin Nugent, sailors, were asphyxiated by gas in their room in a boarding house, in Chicago.

Ex-Chief Perryman of the Creek nation has been convicted by the council of maladministration in office. The only penalty is incapacity for office.

In Warrensburg, Mo. Bud Dixie, colored, quarreled with his wife. The woman defended herself with a butcher knife, stabbing him in the back.

The presidential boom of Cushman K. Davis of Minnesota was formally launched by Senator Kaute Nelson in an interview in Chicago.

## THE CURRENCY.

### Comptroller Eekels Advocates a Larger Issue of Bank Notes.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—In the report of James H. Eekels, comptroller of the currency, it is suggested that Congress enact legislation which will induce national banks to pay greater attention to note issues.

"It is undoubtedly true," the comptroller says, "that national banks would largely increase their note circulation if the embarrassment arising from the needless locking up of a large part of their capital, available for other purposes, and the lessened profit through excessive taxation now imposed, did not confront them. They certainly would do so if the legal tender issues of the government were paid and cancelled and the channel now clogged by them freed for bank-note circulation."

"The experience of this and other countries conclusively demonstrates that the best and most rational note issues are those put forth by banks. It likewise demonstrates that issues made direct by governments are always expensive, and under every circumstance a source of danger to such governments and loss to their people's business interests. No clearer proof of this could be had than that furnished by the difficulties which we have witnessed on the part of this government in its efforts to maintain the full credit of its practically limitless amount of demand obligations."

"The advantage accruing to the government by the substitution of a bank note for a Treasury note currency would be immeasurably great. The need of maintaining a gold reserve to meet the recurring demand obligations, now never retired, would, within a reasonable time, be obviated, and delivered from this vexatious and expensive difficulty, the Treasury department could return to its legitimate function of collecting the revenues of the government needful to meet governmental expenses and discharging the same."

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It is reported that the Canadian Knights of Labor have decided to withdraw from the general assembly and form a purely Canadian order. There are about 5,000 Knights of Labor in Canada.

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## CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

A masked robber compelled the station agent at Comanche, Ind. Ter., to open his safe. The safe was empty, the money having just been sent to headquarters.

The London Chronicle's Constantinople correspondent says: Palace friends report that the sultan is drinking heavily during the past few days, which does not tend to improve his mental condition.

A charitable institution of women conducted the Thanksgiving edition of the Indianapolis Sentinel. They sold 35,000 copies at ten cents each and cleared \$7,000 for charity.

In a riot at the state prison at Jackson, Miss., Deputy Warden Northrup was fatally beaten with a hammer, two shirt factory officers were badly beaten and several machines wrecked.

Two leading grocery firms of Syracuse, N. Y., encouraged by the knocking out of the tobacco monopoly, have begun action in New York against the sugar trust. The sugar trust is a New Jersey corporation and is capitalized at \$50,000,000.

Judge D. D. Rose, president of the Curryville Mo. bank, has been hiccoughing constantly for the last week, and although several doctors have attended him they can do nothing for him. His death is hourly expected.

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## CONGRESS CONVENES.

### BOTH HOUSES OF THE 54TH IN SESSION.

Mr. Reed of Maine Is Chosen Speaker—The Combine House Ticket Chosen by the Republican Caucus—Little Work Will Be Done Before the Holidays.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—At 12 o'clock to-day the Fifty-fourth Congress assembled. The following officers, selected by the Republican caucus Saturday night, were installed:

Speaker—Thomas B. Reed of Maine. Clerk—Alexander McDowell of Pennsylvania.

Sergeant-at-Arms—Benjamin F. Russell of Missouri. Doorkeeper—W. J. Glenn of New York.

Postmaster—J. C. McElroy of Ohio. Chaplain—H. N. Couden of Michigan.

Speaker Reed says the committees will not be announced this week with, perhaps, a single exception—the committee on rules. This committee formulates the rules which are to govern the house during its sessions, and it is customary for the speaker to name it during the first week in order that it can immediately begin its labors. While it is believed the rules of the Fifty-first congress, over which Mr. Reed presided, will be reported for the guidance of the present house, it is understood a few changes will be made as a result of experience, which are designed to still further improve the house machinery and the facilitation of public business.

The reading of the president's message will consume Tuesday, and at its conclusion the house will probably adjourn until Thursday, and on convening Thursday, adjourn immediately until Monday. These adjournments will continue probably until the committees are announced.

In the senate nothing was done but the swearing in of new members and the appointment of a committee to wait upon the president.

### MISSOURI INDUSTRIES.

Interesting Figures From Labor Commissioner Meriwether's Report.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 2.—Labor Commissioner Meriwether's report makes an interesting showing of Missouri's industrial progress during the year ending June 30, 1895.

The Labor Bureau does not purport to make a complete industrial census—with the limited means at its command that is not possible—but Mr. Meriwether has presented a table showing the amount of capital invested, the number of wage-earners employed, value of goods made, etc., by 864 of the state's principal establishments. The invested capital of these concerns reaches the sum of \$75,617,176, to which amount there should be added \$46,621,296, that sum representing the cost of the buildings and grounds and machinery necessary to carry on the operations of the 864 manufacturing establishments. The value of the goods manufactured was \$113,849,063; 4,236 clerks and 43,006 wage-earners were required in the production of the goods made by the 864 concerns; \$5,294,951 were paid to clerks and \$17,854,028 were paid out in wages, an average wage of \$415 during the year to each workman.

### The Sheriff Disgraced.

SEDALE, Mo., Dec. 2.—Sheriff Laird of Benton county was here yesterday on his way to Warsaw, returning from his second visit to Kansas to secure Fred Chisholm, who abducted Rosa Thounval, a white girl, from her home. Sheriff Laird says politics had much to do with Governor Morrill's refusal to honor Governor Stone's requisition. While he praises the Lawrence authorities for their assistance, he is very much disgusted with the treatment he received at the hands of the Kansas state officials. The father of Rosa Thounval left for Lawrence to persuade the girl to leave her husband and return home, but Sheriff Laird says the girl is so infatuated with Chisholm that Thounval's visit will be fruitless.

### Fraker's Health Precarious.

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, Mo., Nov. 30.—A fellow prisoner of Dr. G. W. Fraker has written to Captain J. L. Farrar, Fraker's attorney, that the doctor's health is precarious and that his doctors in Richmond report that he is afflicted with an incurable case of Bright's disease. The letter says that at times Fraker is out of his mind. He has asked that Dr. J. M. Allen of Liberty be called to see him. His attorney here will see that the request is attended to.

### Meads Is Found Guilty.

ATCHISON, Kan., Nov. 30.—The trial of R. C. Meade, ex-superintendent of the Atchison public schools, who defrauded confiding widows and unsuspecting school teachers out of vast sums of money, deserted his wife and children, and eloped with his young lady clerk, has terminated in a verdict of guilty. He will be sentenced to five years in the penitentiary.

### E. H. Allen Dead.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 2.—Mr. Edward H. Allen, president of the Exchange Building association, for many years president of the Board of Trade and one of Kansas City's most substantial and public-spirited citizens, died a few minutes after 1 o'clock p. m. yesterday at his home, 1313 Pennsylvania avenue.

### Horsemen Clash.